

Assembly Bill No. 3090

CHAPTER 741

An act to amend Sections 19549 and 19549.1 of the Business and Professions Code, and to amend Section 4058 of the Food and Agricultural Code, relating to horseracing.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 3090, Machado. Horseracing: fairs.

Existing law permits the California Horse Racing Board to allocate horseracing days for mixed breed meetings at the California Exposition and State Fair and at district agricultural association racing facilities in the northern zone, subject to the condition that horseracing days may not be allocated for any meeting between July 1 and October 31.

This bill would additionally permit the board to allocate horseracing days for combined fair horseracing meetings, and would permit dates to be allocated for a combined fair horseracing meeting between July 1 and October 31.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 19549 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

19549. Except as provided in Section 19549.1, the maximum number of racing days that may be allocated to the California Exposition and State Fair or a county or district agricultural association fair or citrus fruit fair shall be 14 days each year. Those racing days shall be days during the period in which general fair activities are conducted. However, any fair racing association that conducted racing in the central or southern zone prior to January 1, 1980, shall be entitled to be allocated up to three weeks of racing. Nothing in this section diminishes the authority of the board to establish racing dates.

SEC. 2. Section 19549.1 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

19549.1. Notwithstanding Sections 19533 and 19549 or any other provision of this chapter, the board may allocate horseracing days for mixed breed meetings and combined fair horseracing meetings pursuant to Section 4058 of the Food and Agricultural Code, except as follows:

(a) Dates may only be allocated for a combined fair horseracing meeting between July 1 and October 31, and the total combined number of dates shall not exceed the total combined dates of the combined fair racing associations in 1995.

(b) Days may not be allocated for a mixed breed meeting or a combined fair horseracing meeting during the month of June at the California Exposition and State Fair if a standardbred meeting is being conducted at that facility during the month of June.

The mixed breed meetings shall be conducted by a person other than the California Exposition and State Fair or the district agricultural association and shall be subject to Section 19550. The mixed breed meetings shall encourage the racing of emerging breeds of horses.

SEC. 3. Section 4058 of the Food and Agricultural Code is amended to read:

4058. (a) Notwithstanding Section 4052, the California Exposition and State Fair, a district agricultural association fair, or county fair in the northern zone, with the approval of the Department of Food and Agriculture, may form an entity for conducting combined fair horseracing meetings and utilize their racing facilities for conducting horseracing meetings, with parimutuel wagering, on days other than the days on which general fair activities are conducted. A combined fair horseracing meeting pursuant to this section shall be a general fair activity for the purpose of Section 19549 of the Business and Professions Code.

(b) The association shall designate certain days of a mixed breed meeting held pursuant to this section as charity days with the proceeds therefrom to be distributed in accordance with Sections 19550 and 19556 of the Business and Professions Code.

(c) The association shall encourage the racing of emerging breeds of horses.

